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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS DELIVERS
MARSHALL PLAN MEMORIAL LECTURE IN BONN

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS WAS THE PRINCIPAL
SPEAKER AT JUNE 3 CELEBRATION IN BONN OF FIFTH ANNIVER-
SARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE
UNITED STATES. HIS LECTURE FOCUSED ON THE DISTRIBUTION
OF ECONOMIC STRENGTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THE RELATED
QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT, AND THE EC ROLE IN THE NORTH/
SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. JENKINS ARGUED THAT THE LIBERAL ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES
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OF THE COMMON MARKET TOOK THE ORIGINAL SIX MEMBERS A
LONG WAY, BUT FAILED TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN RICH
AND POOR REGIONS. IN YEARS WHEN THE GENERAL ECONOMIC
CLIMATE IS NOT FAVORABLE HE REGARDED THESE LIBERAL
POLICIES AS BEING IN SOME WAYS EVEN DANGEROUS, IF NOT
SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL POLICIES. THE COMMUNITY'S
REGIONAL, MANPOWER, INVESTMENT, AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES

WERE THUS IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTS FOR REDUCING REGIONAL DIVERGENCES. ALTHOUGH CONCEDED THAT THE SCOPE OF COMMUNITY ACTION IS LIMITED, JENKINS BELIEVED THAT THE COMMUNITY'S MEANS COULD BE LINKED TO THE GENERAL ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE OF A CONVERGENT AND ADAPTIVE ECONOMY BY RELATIVELY SMALL INCREASES IN THE COMMUNITY BUDGET AND BY SELECTIVE ACTION. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING IMPORTANT INITIATIVES IN THESE AREAS.

3. IN JENKINS' VIEW, THE FUTURE ECONOMIC COHESION OF THE COMMUNITY IS LINKED WITH THE PROSPECT OF ENLARGEMENT. HE SAW THREE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES AS BEING INVOLVED: (1) THOSE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM DICTATORSHIP MUST BE SUPPORTED; (2) THE PACE OF DECISION AND NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH COUNTRY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; (3) THE COMMUNITY MUST BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS CALLED FOR BY THE PROSPECT OF ENLARGEMENT.

4. JENKINS REGARDED THE CIEC MINISTERIAL AS HAVING ACHIEVED MORE THAN HAS YET BEEN RECOGNIZED. HE WELCOMED THE GROWING RECOGNITION THAT A PURELY CHARITABLE APPROACH FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE REAL NORTH/SOUTH INTERDEPENDENCE. HE CITED THE COMMUNITY'S LEAD IN PROFFERING MORE RELEVANT ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE LOME CONVENTION, AND PROGRESS MADE IN STABILIZING RAW MATERIAL PRICES.

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5. COPIES OF JENKINS' LECTURE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPE (HOMME) AND USEC.
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